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Upcoming Events

Literacy Conference

Mark your calendars!! The Literacy
Conference....June 12,13,14 at the Provo
Marriot. Scheduled presenters are David
Cooper, David Tilly and Joe Torgesen along with
model sites. Registration is open at
www.updc.org. Remember you must have a
complete team to register.

Finance Training on Medicaid

Special Education finance training on Medicaid will be held at the New Granite District Office at 2500 South State Street S.L.C. on April 27, 2006. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude around 12:00 noon. Thanks to Dr. Kathryn McCarrie and her staff for hosting and training us on that date. See you all there.

2006 CEC Convention & Expo

Time is running out! Register for the 2006 CEC Convention & Expo

Don't miss out. Only a few more days before CEC's 2006 Annual Convention & Expo in Salt Lake City, April 5-8. Meet the best of the best in special education, while you get the best information available in the field today. Topics include evidence-based practice, teaching content, response to intervention, autism and

Finance Training on Budgets

We have rescheduled our special education finance training on BUDGETS that was snowed out for Thursday April 13, 2006 at the Alpine district office Board Room. Tom Vangorder from Park City and Linda Ottee from Alpine will be the presenters on how they set up and monitor their special education budgets in their respective districts. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 12:00 Noon or when we are finished. You may want to bring some of your own data and laptop. This is for all special education directors that would like to attend. See you all there.

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ISSI 2006

The Intermountain Special Study Institute for Deafness is having their annual conference for deaf and hard of hearing professionals. The Utah State Office of Education will be sponsoring **ten participants** for the registration fees on a first-come-first-served basis. (Transportation and housing will be on their own.) The conference will be held in Pocatello, Idaho on June 19 – 22, with a special Post-ISSI Shortcourse for Educational Interpreters on June 23 – 24. The theme this year is "Transitions and Reform". There will be a keynote speaker Cheryl Johnson speaking on Deaf Education Reform: the Colorado Experience. A Gally Workshop on Portfolio's will be a two day event. Registration begins online April 1, 2006 at www.isu.edu/issi. The registration ends June1, 2006. It would be great to have your district represented there!

Applications for Literacy Grants Monies

Applications for literacy grant monies are now available. Copies of the rubric, required forms, and explanation letter are in LEAD folders or go on line at www.updc.org

Age-appropriate Transition Assessments

In consulting with OSEP, it is our understanding that prior written notice and consent for evaluation are not needed if age appropriate transition assessments are conducted for purposes of IEP development and program planning. Notice and consent would be required if the purpose of the age appropriate transition assessments was eligibility determination or placement. While this is the current opinion, the final determination will rely on the Federal Regulations. Please contact Susan Loving, 538-7645, if you have questions.

LRE Comparison

It was requested at LEAD in February to share LRE data from 2004-2005 to the current year collection 2005-2006 with the Environments. This table shows the two years in comparison and difference.

Environment (LRE) Comparison 2004 Compared to 2005

Year	Outside Classroo m <20%	Outside Classroo m >20% and < 60%	Outside Classroo m >60%	Separate Facility	Home and Hospital
2004	22,174	17,330	11,289	1,621	205
	42.14%	32.94%	21.45%	3.08%	0.39%
2005	25,845	17,526	7,809	1,615	160
	48.71%	33.23%	14.72%	3.04%	0.30%
Differe	3,671	196	-3,480	-6	-45
nce	6.57%	0.29%	-6.753	-0.04%	09%

Tiered Reading Instruction

The USOE Implementation Guide for Tiered Reading Instruction (previously known as the TA reading document) is progressing nicely. The USOE curriculum department, under the guidance of Ann White and Lynne Greenwood with tremendous input from special education, is planning on having a *draft* available in June. Plans are underway to gather input from stake holders sometime before the June conference

Secondary School Completion and Diplomas

This is a reminder that on January 12, 2006 the State School Board approved the amendments to Board Rule R277-705, Secondary School Completion and Diplomas. The rule went into effect on March 6, 2006.

Significant changes include:

- Deletion of the "basic skills" and "alternative completion" diplomas titles;
- Clarification that diplomas issued are "high school diplomas";
- Requirement that the diploma include designation that student passed or did not pass the UBSCT;
- Requirement that a student who did not pass the UBSCT "participated in UBSCT remediation consistent with school district or school policies and opportunities, beginning with the class of 2007"; and
- Requirement that districts establish criteria for students to earn a certificate of completion.

A copy of State Board Rule R277-705 is in the LEAD folder.

Survey Opportunity

We are looking for teachers of students with disabilities who currently teach students who qualify for the mathematics UAA in 6th, 7th or 8th grades. Each participating teacher will receive an honorarium of \$100 for one student or \$200 for two students, plus \$25 for postage. You should have received an email about this on Monday, March 27, 2006. Please contact Wendy Carver, wendy.carver@schools.utah.gov by Monday, April 3, with potential teacher's email information.

Special Education Highly Qualified Teachers

The State Board of Education approved Rule 277-510 effective March 6, 2006 related to requirements for special education teachers teaching in core content areas. See http://www.schools.utah.gov/cert/require/rules.htm for additional information and a link to the Rule.

<u>Opportunities for</u> 2006/2007

Each year the USOE provides additional funding support on a competitive basis in priority areas. For a timeline and application forms go to http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/Fiscal.htm or http://www.updc.org

Highly Qualified Teachers. Deadline for NCLB

June 30, 2006 is still the deadline for meeting the requirement to have all teachers teaching core content areas be highly qualified as defined in NCLB. On March 21, 2006 the USDE sent a letter to all states describing how states who have not met the requirements and are making a good faith effort can submit a revised plan showing how Utah will meet the deadline by June 30, 2007. Larry Shumway, Director of Educator Quality Services at the USOE will be working with his staff to submit a revised plan by July 2006. We expect to know if we have an additional year by September 2006.

